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## **LSCC Receives Perfect PREA Audit Score**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 19, 2015)** – Little Sandy Correctional Complex (LSCC) received a perfect score during its Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit. Signed into law Sept. 4, 2003, PREA is intended to address the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and abuse in correctional facilities in the country.

The audit team consisted of three PREA auditors, all from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services – Audit Chairperson Deanna Johnson, Luke Morris, and Jeremy Simonson. The audit itself, including the tour and interviews, confirmed that the staff and inmates at LSCC knew and practiced the written policy.

"I am very pleased with the performance of the staff and the inmate population given the extreme weather we all experienced during our first PREA audit," said Warden Joseph Meko.

"Our institution has worked very diligently and with an eye on detail to meet PREA standards."

"I am proud of the remarkable effort of the staff at Little Sandy Correctional Complex," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "It demonstrates both the quality of their performance and the commitment level to professional correctional service that they exhibit daily."

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. Each of Kentucky's 12 prisons will receive an initial PREA audit within the first three-year audit period that concludes in August 2016, with follow-up audits conducted once every three years on a continuous cycle.

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